

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2009.

Claims 2-4 and 8-10 are amended, and claims 1, 6, 7, 25-33, and 37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; as a result, claims 2-5, 8-11, 13-24, 34, and 38-39 are now pending in this application.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chachques (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0124855) in view of Heynen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,756).

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chachques in view of Heynen and further in view of Bonnet (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,507).

Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been canceled.

Claims 2-5 and 8-10 have been amended to be dependent on claim 34, which is indicated to be allowed in the Office Action. It is believed that claims 2-5 and 8-10 are patentable at least for reasons supporting the patentability of claim 34.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-5 and 8-10.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 11, 13-24, 34 and 37-39.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6965 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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